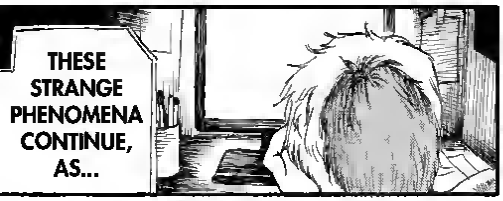
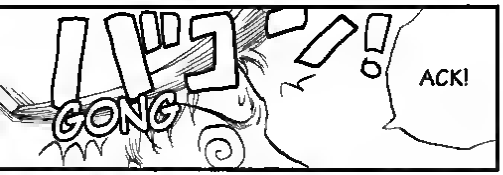
STARLIGHT WOMAN
BY RIE KANOU
CHAPTER 01
ALIENS
AWAIT AT KATABIRA-TSUJI

MOW SON
RECENT EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION LATELY.
MOW'SON
Staff

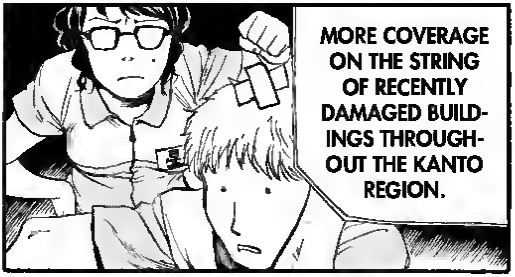
THANK YOU, COME AGAIN.
SLIDE


THESE STRANGE PHENOMENA CONTINUE, AS...


GONG
ACK!

OW!
HEY, YAMADA...

AT THE START OF THIS MONTH, THE BEST DOG SHOW WAS HELD IN TOKYO'S KASAI WARD. DURING THE SHOW...
MANY PEOPLE WITNESSED AN OBJECT FLASHING BRIGHT LIGHTS ABOVE THE ARENA BEFORE IT SPED OFF AT A HIGH SPEED, AND DISAPPEARED.
YOUR CHANGE IS 180 YEN, SIR.



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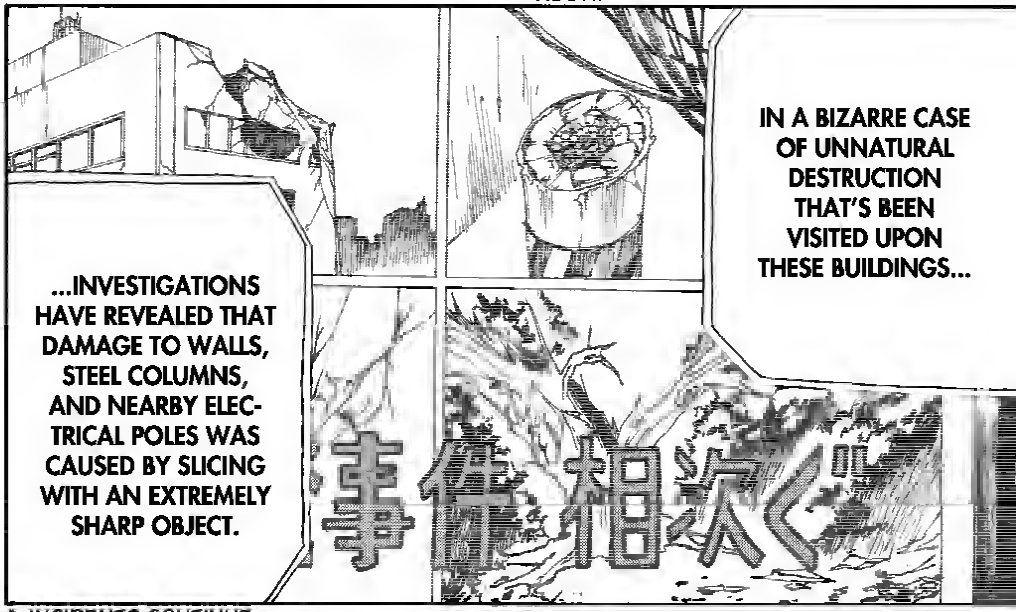
IN A BIZARRE CASE OF UNNATURAL DESTRUCTION THAT'S BEEN VISITED UPON THESE BUILDINGS...
...INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT DAMAGE TO WALLS, STEEL COLUMNS, AND NEARBY ELECTRICAL POLES WAS CAUSED BY SLICING WITH AN EXTREMELY SHARP OBJECT.
事件相次ぐ

*-INCIDENTS CONTINUE

POLICE ARE PROCEEDING TO INVESTIGATE, KEEPING IN MIND POSSIBLE TIES TO TERRORISM.
GOOD LORD... THESE GUYS JUST DON'T GET IT!
...THAT THESE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACTS BY A LONE SUSPECT, BUT EFFORTS OF A LARGE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION.
STRANGELY, THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEMANDS, AND NO REPORTS OF MONETARY THEFT...
H-HEY!
DUDE, LEMME SEE THAT!
FROM THIS, WE CONCLUDE...
BUT THIS DEFINITELY WASN'T ANY HUMAN'S HANDIWORK.
NO, SERIOUSLY! IT'S LIKE, COPS CAN ONLY HANDLE NORMAL STUFF, YOU KNOW?
SHUT UP, ALREADY...
GAB GAB ギャー!
NOPE.
DON'T YA AGREE, HOSHI-SAN?
BESIDES, UFOS HAVE BEEN POPPING UP ALL OVER RECENTLY. MAYBE ALIENS DID THIS!
SLAM

TAKU-CHAN...
IT'S GOING TO RAIN, SO I CAME TO TAKE YOU HOME
ATM
SLIDE
ピンポン
ピンポン
DING DONG
OH.
WEL-COME TO...
O-OH, SACCHI!
MY SHIFT'S ALMOST OVER, SO GO ON AHEAD,
OKAY?
HEY, ABOUT THAT TALL GIRL...
MOWSON
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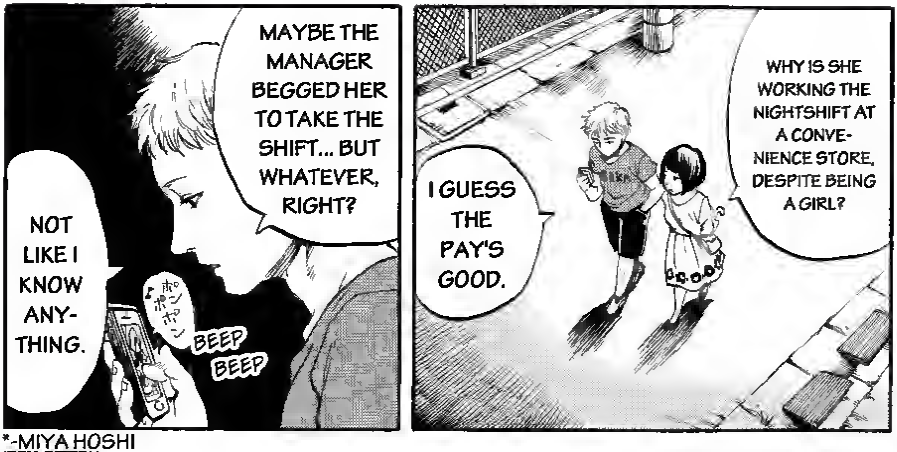
MAYBE THE MANAGER BEGGED HER TO TAKE THE SHIFT... BUT WHATEVER, RIGHT?
NOT LIKE I KNOW ANY-THING.
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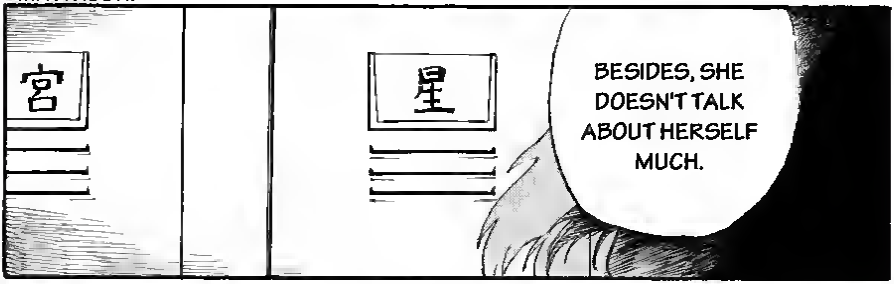
BEEP BEEP
WHY IS SHE WORKING THE NIGHTSHIFT AT A CONVE-NIENCE STORE, DESPITE BEING A GIRL?
I GUESS THE PAY'S GOOD.

*-MIYA HOSHI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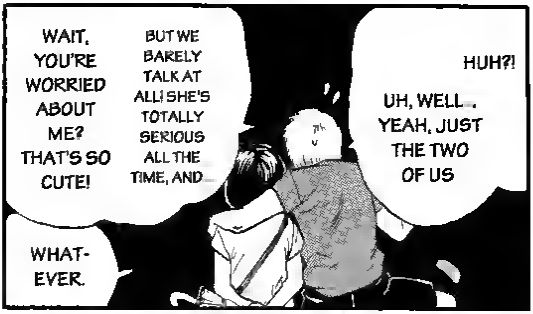
BESIDES, SHE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT HERSELF MUCH.


WAIT, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME? THAT'S SO CUTE!
BUT WE BARELY TALK AT ALL! SHE'S TOTALLY SERIOUS ALL THE TIME, AND...
WHAT-EVER.
HUH?!
UH, WELL... YEAH, JUST THE TWO OF US

UH... IT'S ALWAYS JUST YOU TWO AT NIGHT?

DRIP

通販ブック
FSSHHH
ポタ
PLOP
通販ブックス
FREE
ACHOO!
FSSHHH

I AM A SHIP RIDER!
WHOA WHOA! CHASIN' THE DREAM, BE-TWEEN THE WAVES, YEAH!
WHOA!
ATM
DREAM! DREAM! D-DREAAAM!
I FELT LESS NOISE WOULD IMPROVE IT.
HOW'S THAT, HUH?! MY BRAND NEW SONG!
AN AGING, SINGLE CHICK LIKE YOU, WORKING A MCJOB IN TOKYO, WITHOUT ANY DREAMS OR GOALS OR SOMETHING?
WELL, YA KNOW... I FIGURED IT COULDN'T BE, LIKE.
SERI-OUSLY, THAT'S JUST IM-POSSIBLE
HOSHI-SAN, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS?
UM...
DO YOUR JOB, DAMN IT.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING SO SUD-DENLY?
AH, I WANNA MAKE IT BIG SOON, MAN.
THE WORLD'S JUST WAITIN' FOR ME.
DREAAAM...
AH-CHOO!

AND TO HAVE A NORMAL...
TO HAVE A NORMAL, ORDINARY LIFE.
...TO HAVE A NORMAL JOB.
TO BUILD A NORMAL FAMILY.
I HOPE HISTORY PERSECUTES YOU FOR THIS.
AREN'T YOU A LOQUACIOUS BOY? ACTUALLY, THAT MAKES YOU RARE.
WHAT'S "LOQUACIOUS"? SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, HOW 'BOUT IT?
DREAMS, HUH?
WELL, I WANT...
IF I BECAME THAT, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING, SO
I COULDN'T STAND BEING AVERAGE.
SERIOUSLY? HOLY CRAP. SORRY, MAN. I TOTALLY COULDN'T DO THAT.
...
WHOA
*HUGE BUNS
JUST FELT LIKE IT. BUY IT UP!
TSK..
YOW! WHAT GIVES, MAN?!
SERIOUSLY, THAT HURT... THIS BREAD COULD KILL!
THWACK

HUH?
YOU, THERE.
GOOD NIGHT
?
THAT'S WEIRD .
ALL RIGHT, I'M OUTTA HERE
AH.. YOU'RE YA-MADA'S...
HAVE YOU DONE IT WITH TAKU-CHAN YET?
HUH?
FOOLING AROUND LIKE THAT...
EVERY TIME HE CHANGES JOBS.
IT PISSES ME OFF!
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ERK

SHIVER
H-HEY... WAIT A SEC.
WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT? YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
DIE, YOU **** BITCH!
YOU ONLY HAVE YOURSELF TO BLAME!
THUD
WHA?!

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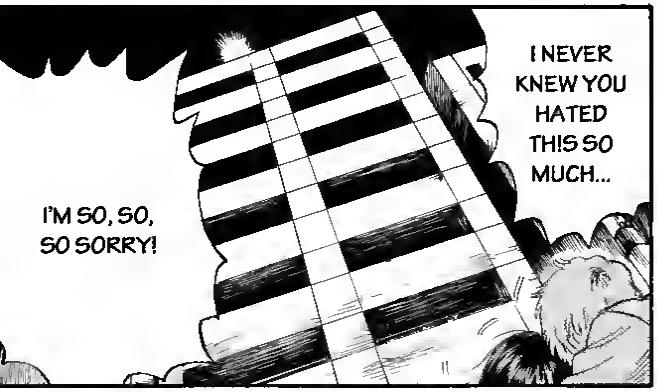
I'M SO, SO, SO SORRY!
I NEVER KNEW YOU HATED THIS SO MUCH...

SA-CHIKO!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

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CRACK

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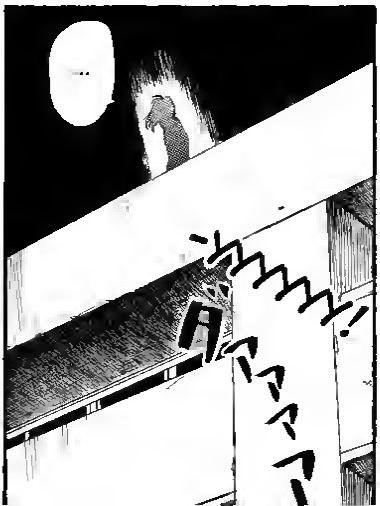
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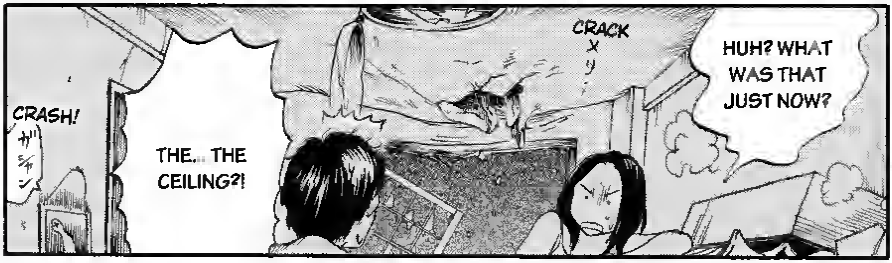
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THE... THE CEILING?!
CRACK
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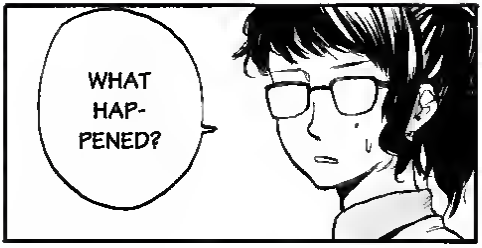
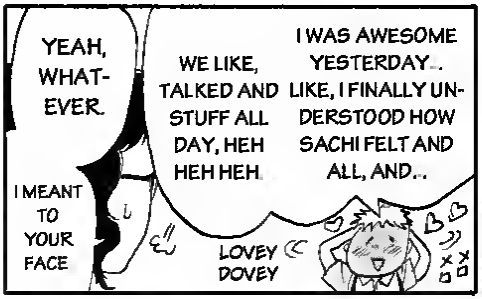
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

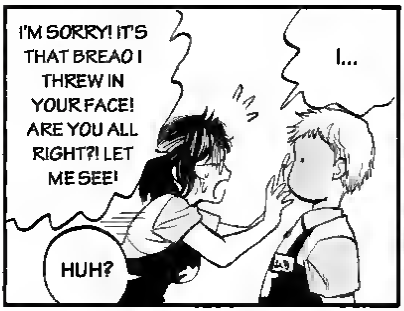
OH!

SEE?
COME ON... JUST GO TO SLEEP.
LOOK! OVER THERE!
MAMA!
A UFO!
HOSHI-SAN!

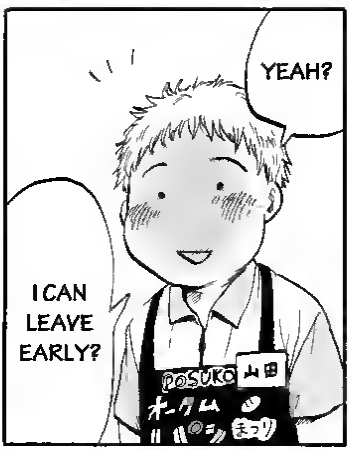



YEAH, WHAT-EVER.
I MEANT TO YOUR FACE
WE LIKE, TALKED AND STUFF ALL DAY, HEH HEH HEH
I WAS AWESOME YESTERDAY.. LIKE, I FINALLY UN-DERSTOOD HOW SACHI FELT AND ALL, AND...
LOVEY DOVEY

* NAMETAG: YAMADA/ APRON: POSUKO OTAMU



GO AHEAD WITH THAT FACE, YOU CAN'T WAIT ON CUSTOMERS ANYWAY.
AND... I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR ARM. GO SEE A DOCTOR FOR THAT, OKAY?
YES, SIR! I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LIFT MY ARM EVER SINCE
SERIOUSLY. GET IT LOOKED AT


YEAH?
I CAN LEAVE EARLY?
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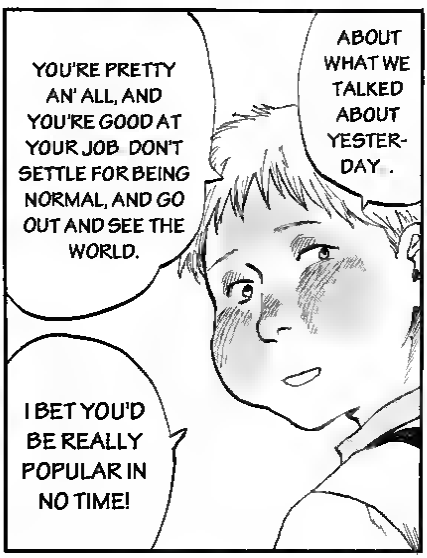
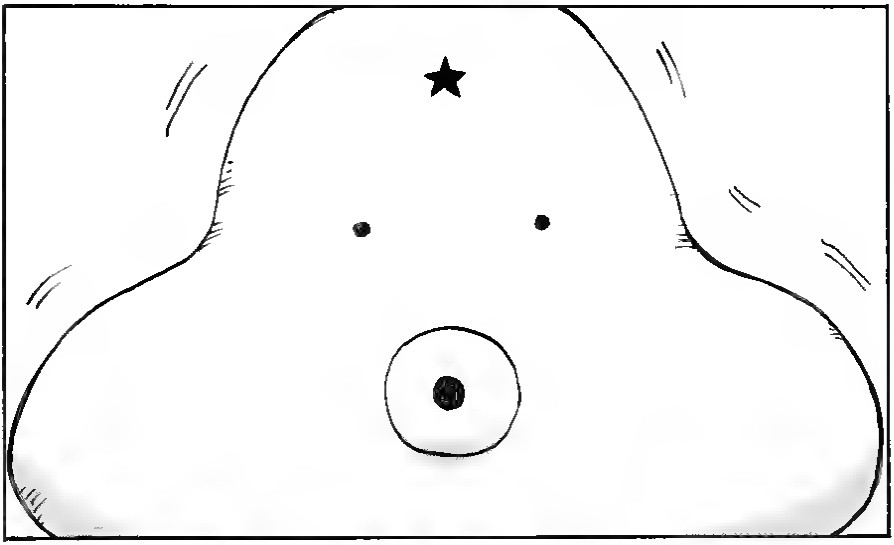

ABOUT WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY...
YOU'RE PRETTY AN' ALL, AND YOU'RE GOOD AT YOUR JOB. DON'T SETTLE FOR BEING NORMAL, AND GO OUT AND SEE THE WORLD.
I BET YOU'D BE REALLY POPULAR IN NO TIME!

IF YOU SAY SO.
REALLY, I'M SO SORRY.
NAH... I AM, TOO.
OH, HOSHI-SAN?

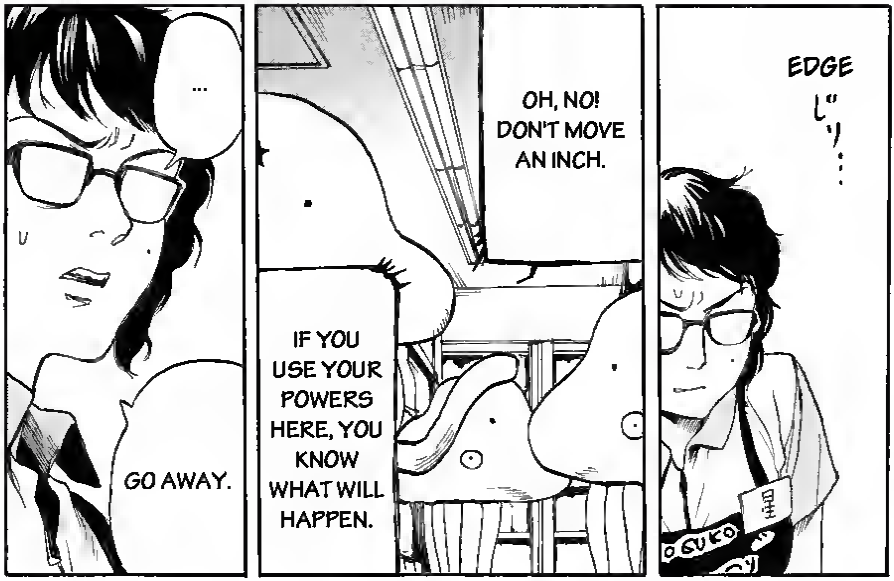
SO YOU ARE HUMAN!
AW, YOU'RE BLUSHING...
MIND YOUR OWN BEESWAX, AND GET OUTTA HERE.
AND GO TO THE HOSPITAL! TOMORROW, OKAY?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SERIOUSLY, MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS...
I REALLY WISH...
...YOU'D ALL JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.

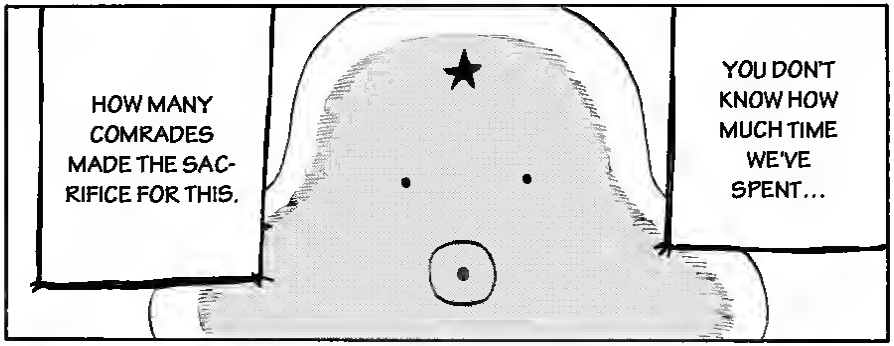
YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE, AFTER ALL.
WE CAN'T DO THAT.
COMING!
WELCOME TO...
DING ピンロン ピンロー ン
DONG
SLIDE
GASP

*POSUKO OTAMU BREAD FAIR! BUY OUR PRODUCTS, WIN MORE!



...SAMPLE NO. 214?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS DUMP...
JUST WHEN WE FOUND YOU.


...
GO AWAY.
OH, NO! DON'T MOVE AN INCH.
IF YOU USE YOUR POWERS HERE, YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
EDGE
OGUCO


HOW MANY COMRADES MADE THE SACRIFICE FOR THIS.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME WE'VE SPENT...

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.
AND WHY DO YOU THINK WE GAVE YOU THOSE GIFTS?
BECOME THE BACKBONE OF OUR REVOLUTION!

DON'T GO SPOUTING THAT CRAP EVERY TIME!
I'M JUST AN EARTH-LING!
I HAVE NOTH-ING TO DO WITH YOUR STUPID REVO-LUTION!
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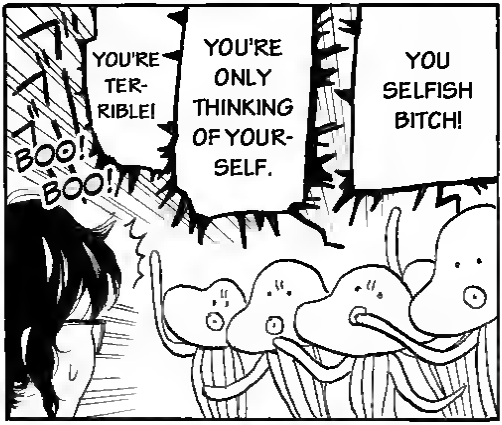
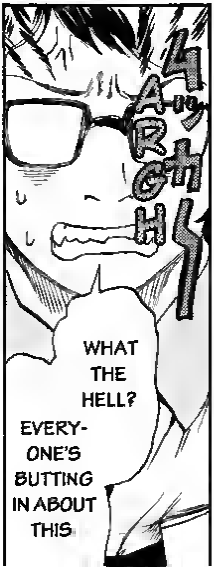
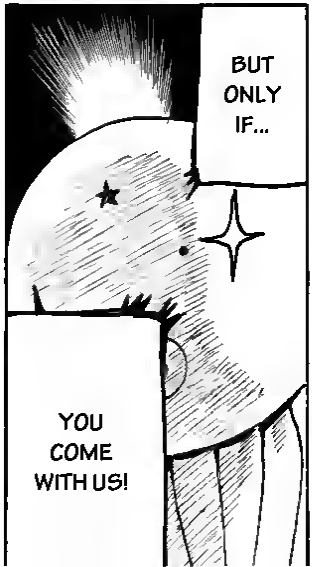
SERIOUSLY, GUYS... CUSTOMERS WILL SHOW UP. PLEASE JUST GO AWAY.
SURE, WE'LL GO.


YOU SELFISH BITCH!
YOU'RE ONLY THINKING OF YOUR-SELF.
YOU'RE TER-RIBLE!
BOO!
BOO!


AARGH!
WHAT THE HELL? EVERY-ONE'S BUTTING IN ABOUT THIS

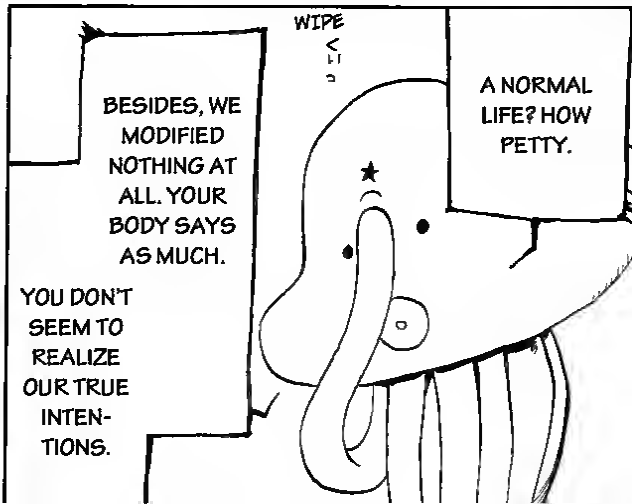
BA-DOOM!
YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!
WE OION'T GRANT YOU THOSE GIFTS JUST SO YOU COULO BE A REG-ISTER MONKEY IN THIS DUMP!
THAT'S PRE-POSTEROUS!


BUT ONLY IF...
YOU COME WITH US!

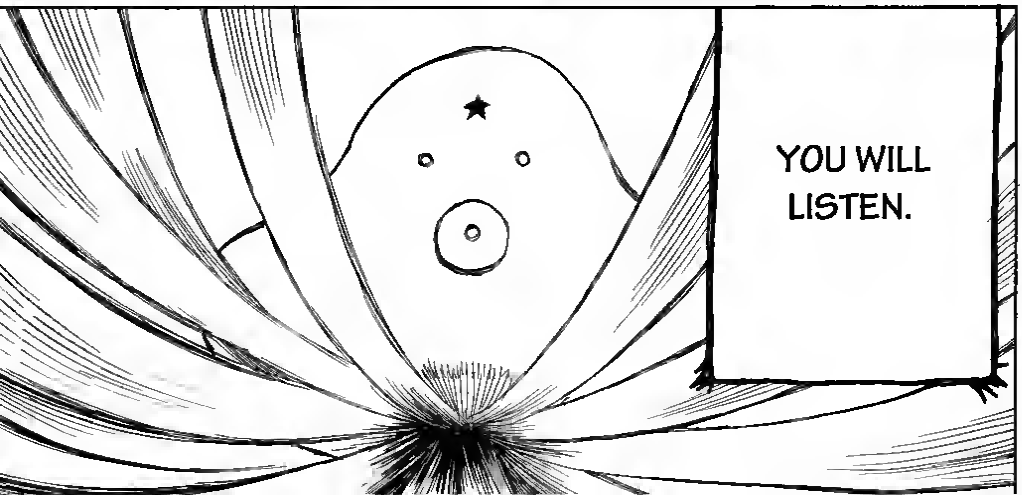
THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE NO JOB AND NO ADDRESS! JUST LANDING THIS JOB WAS HARD ENOUGH!
FIRST OFF, I CAN'T EVEN GET STEADY WORK BECAUSE YOU GUYS KEEP INTRUDING ON MY AFFAIRS WHEREVER I GO!
SLAM!!
THE WORLD NEEDS REGISTER MONKEYS, TOO!

ALL I WANTED WAS A NORMAL LIFE!
YOU GUYS MODIFIED MY BODY THIS WAY!
YOU WANNA PAY MY LIVING EXPENSES? WELL?!
SHE'S SNAPPED
TOTALLY SNAPPED

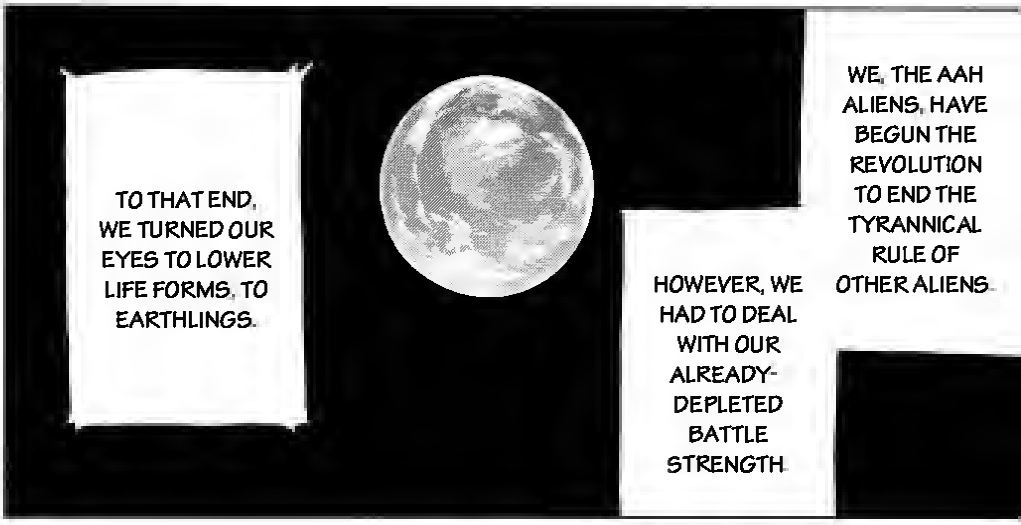
AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THEM.
BESIDES, TO ME, ALL YOUR...

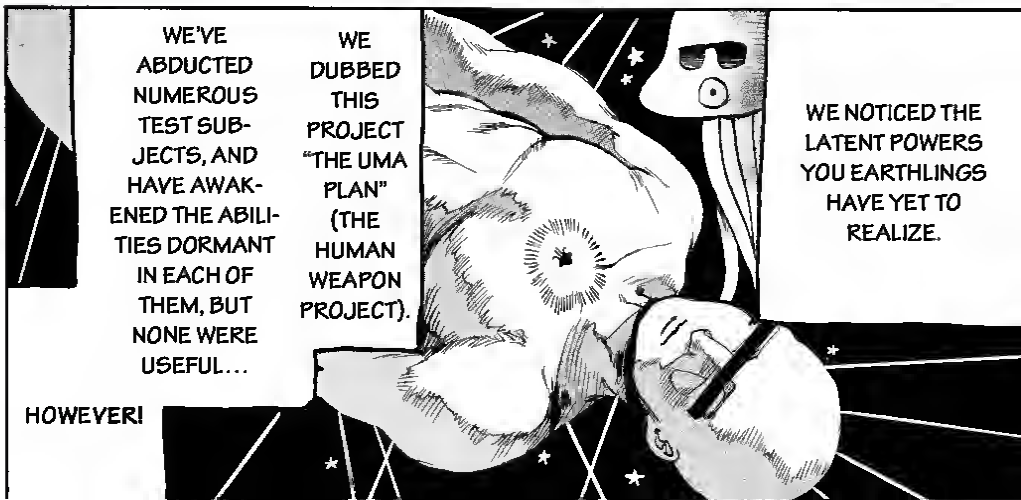

WIPE
A NORMAL LIFE? HOW PETTY.
BESIDES, WE MODIFIED NOTHING AT ALL. YOUR BODY SAYS AS MUCH.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE OUR TRUE INTENTIONS.

SLAM!ピシャ!!

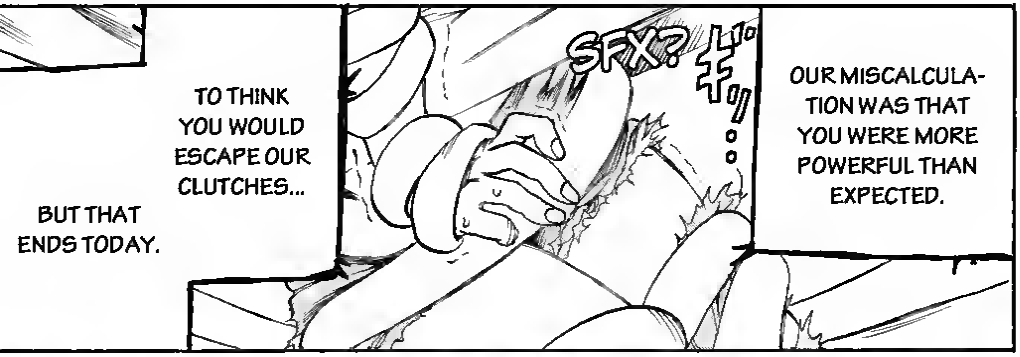

YOU WILL LISTEN.

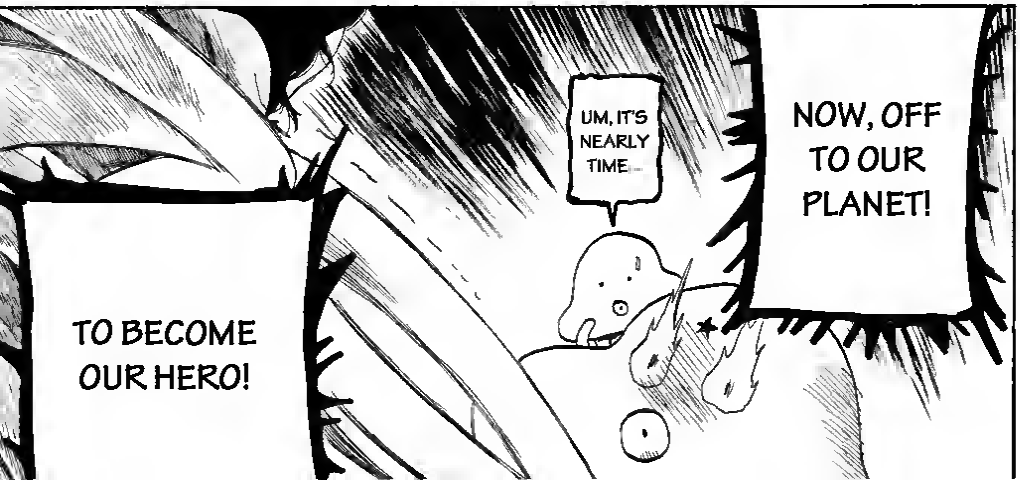
GRIP
I'D LOVE TO THOROUGHLY EXPLAIN OUR MOTIVES, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW.
I'LL SUMMARIZE, SO LISTEN UP.
BACK HIM UP!
SFX?
WE GOT HER!
HEH HEH HEH... YOU LOWERED YOUR GUARD. I BET YOU CAN'T MOVE.


TO THAT END, WE TURNED OUR EYES TO LOWER LIFE FORMS, TO EARTHLINGS.
HOWEVER, WE HAD TO DEAL WITH OUR ALREADY-DEPLETED BATTLE STRENGTH.
WE, THE AAH ALIENS, HAVE BEGUN THE REVOLUTION TO END THE TYRANNICAL RULE OF OTHER ALIENS.


WE'VE ABDUCTED NUMEROUS TEST SUBJECTS, AND HAVE AWAKENED THE ABILITIES DORMANT IN EACH OF THEM, BUT NONE WERE USEFUL...
WE DUBBED THIS PROJECT "THE UMA PLAN" (THE HUMAN WEAPON PROJECT).
WE NOTICED THE LATENT POWERS YOU EARTHLINGS HAVE YET TO REALIZE.
HOWEVER!

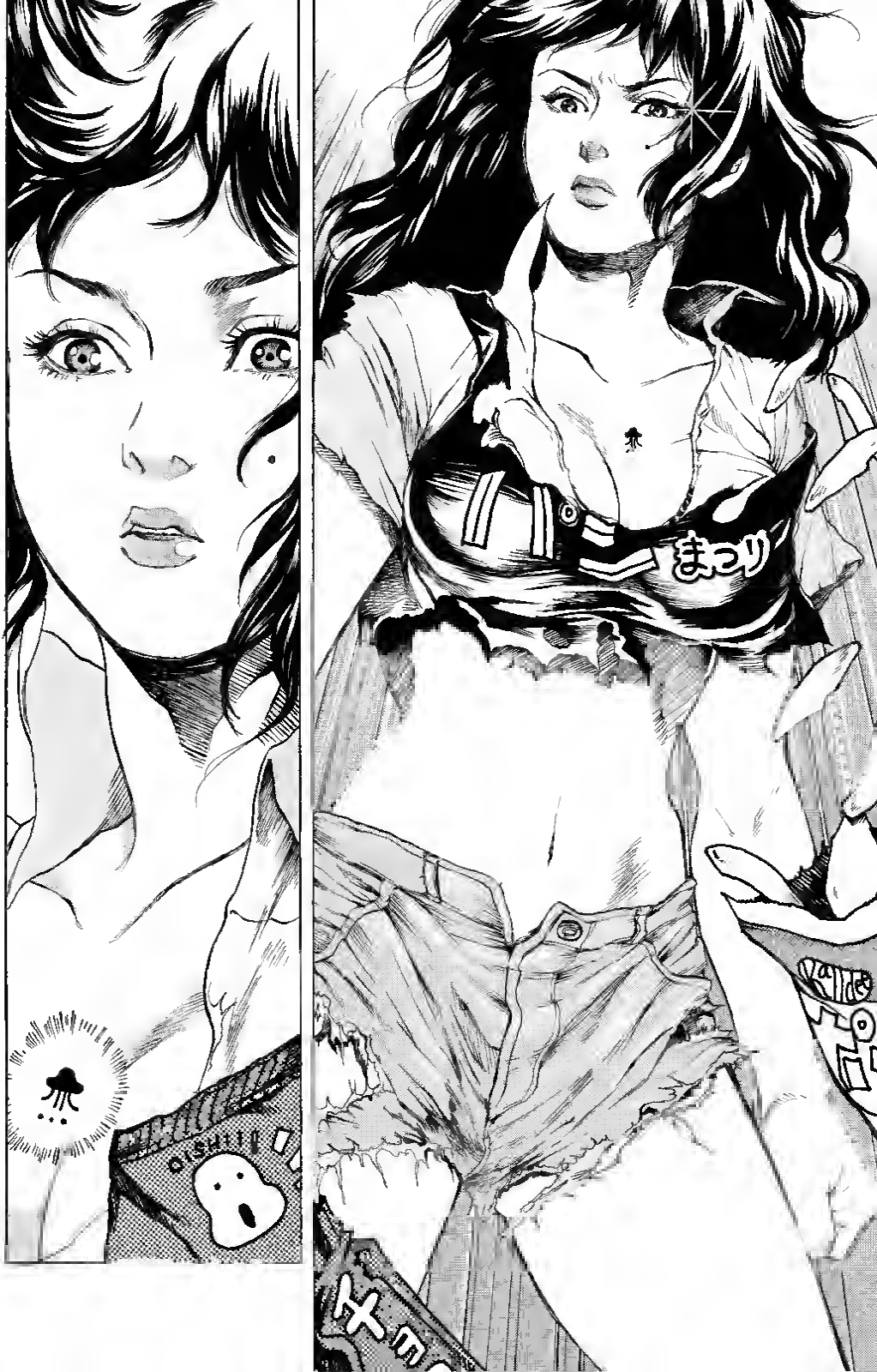
WE SUCCESS-
FULLY
BROUGHT OUT
SUPERHUMAN
DESTRUCTIVE
CAPABILITIES
IN YOU.
CAPABILITIES
NOT ORIGINALLY
FOUND IN
EARTHLING
BODIES.
YOU ALONE
PROVED TO BE
THE EXCEPTION!


TO THINK
YOU WOULD
ESCAPE OUR
CLUTCHES...
BUT THAT
ENDS TODAY.
SFX? ナニ!?
OUR MISCALCULA-
TION WAS THAT
YOU WERE MORE
POWERFUL THAN
EXPECTED.


TO BECOME
OUR HERO!
UM, IT'S
NEARLY
TIME...
NOW, OFF
TO OUR
PLANET!

RIP
SPLATTER
SPLATTER
SPLATTER

CRUNCH
ARGH!
CAPTAIN!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SHIT!!

ACK! I TOTALLY SCREWED UP!
AW, THE STORE'S DESTROYED.
CRAP...
GRIP
YOU IDIOTS!
WE CAN'T BACK DOWN LIKE WIMPS NOW.
THIS ISN'T GOOD... LET'S RE-GROUP!
H-H-H-HOLY COW, THAT POWER...
ALL UNITS, CHARGE!
CHARGE!?
ONLY ONE TARGET!

KA-THOOM

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DASH
WHAT THE HELL?!
GAB
ざわざわ
GAB
I HEARD A LOUD NOISE!
AH...
WHY WON'T YOU USE IT FOR THE REVOLUTION? FOR GLORY?
WHY... WHY, WITH ALL THAT POWER...
HOLD...
HOLD IT...
DASH
だっ
FSSSHHH
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WHERE'S THE MEANING IN LIVING AS A MERE HUMAN...
WHEN YOU COULD... BECOME... A HERO?

YA...
YAMA-DA?!
HOSHI-SAN...
ERK!
...!!
SERIOUSLY, HOSHI-SAN, YOU ROCK...
WHY... WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
I... I HEARD EVERY-THING.
I TO-TALLY WANNA GET MODI-FIED BY THOSE ALIENS...
I'M... I'M SO JEAL-OUS.
I WANT THAT KIND OF POWER, TOO.
MAN... YOU REALLY AREN'T NORMAL, ARE YA?
HUH?

YOU'RE A DUMBASS, BUT YOU HAVE A DREAM YOU CAN FULFILL.
YOU BASICALLY HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
AND IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, YOU CAN HAVE A NORMAL JOB, WITH A NORMAL FAMILY.
YOU WON'T BOTHER ANYONE LIKE THAT...
SHRINK
DON'T SAY THAT KIND OF CRAP.
YOU CHICKEN.
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AND I'M SO ENVIOUS OF YOU FOR THAT.
WHAT?
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING HERE.
AND TO YOU, I NEVER EVEN EXISTED.

MISSION HAS FAILED.

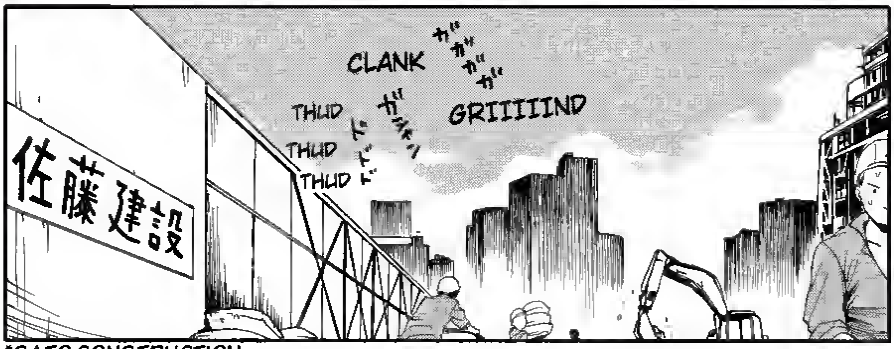
—BEEP.

TRANSMISSIONS FROM SQUAD 812 HAVE STOPPED.

HER GIFTS ARE SUCH THAT SHE CAN NO LONGER HAVE A NORMAL LIFE.
HOWEVER, WE CANNOT RELINQUISH THAT POWER!
THERE'S NO-WHERE SHE CAN RUN. WE'LL FOLLOW HER TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
IN TIME, SHE WILL COME OVER TO OUR SIDE.

...CONTINUE

THE UMA PLAN.



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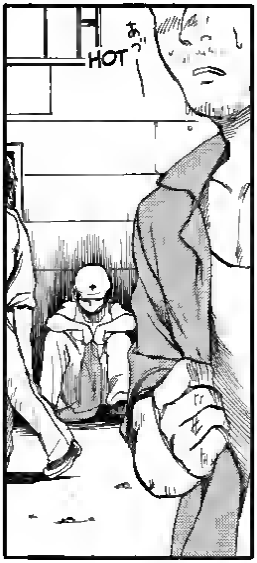

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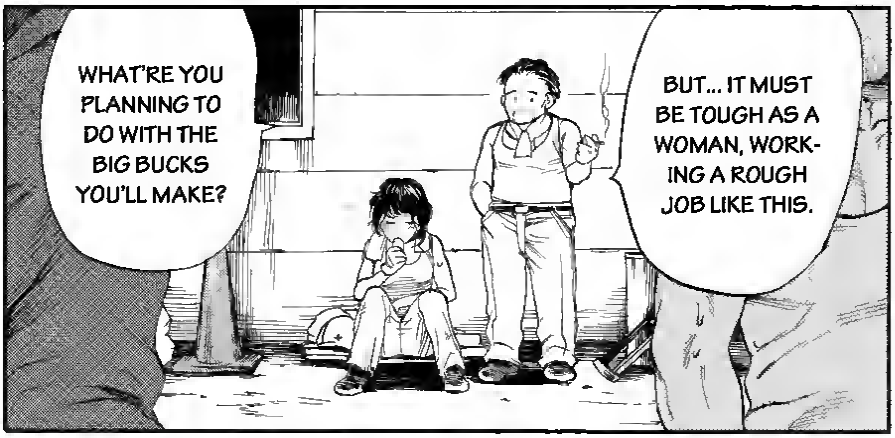
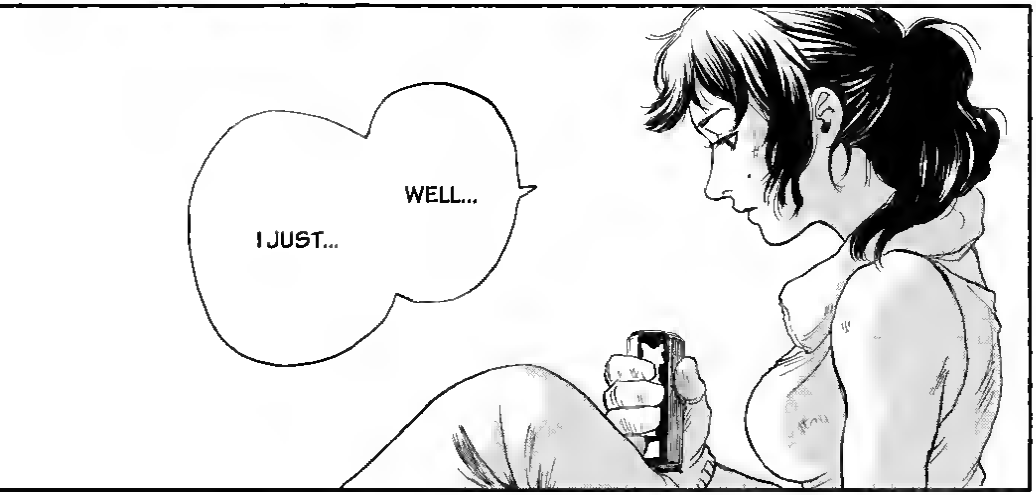

WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH THE BIG BUCKS YOU'LL MAKE?
BUT... IT MUST BE TOUGH AS A WOMAN, WORKING A ROUGH JOB LIKE THIS.


WELL...
I JUST...

I JUST WANT A NORMAL LIFE...
YOU CAN DO IT, HOSHI-SAN! UNTIL THE DAY COMES WHEN YOU CAN REGAIN YOUR PEACE...!!